**** St. Mary the Virgin, Baldock.**
**St. Margaret of Antioch, Bygrave.**

*“BUILDING WITH CHRIST”*

 Easter Sunday

Happy Easter everybody! Christ is risen!

Worship on Sunday 17th April 2022

**8am****Communion (traditional words)**

*A simple peaceful start to the day. The service will take place at the High Altar.*

**9.30am****Easter Communion**

We start at the church door and welcome the new light of the risen Christ into church. After blessing the Easter Garden the light spreads throughout the church as we light our candles and hear the Easter Story. Lots of Easter hymns and joy. Share in bread and wine with the risen Jesus and enjoy an Easter egg!

If you do not wish to be visible on the streaming service please sit in the north aisle of the church nearest the organ.
The camera does not capture anyone receiving communion.

**Share in Parish Communion in your own home**

 Take part online either at 9.30am on Sunday or any time during the following week, click on this link: <https://youtu.be/Coaj44df-ZM>

**11.00am****Easter Worship at Bygrave**

Easter hymns and celebration in a village setting.

*Morning and Evening prayer are said nearly every day in church.
See Week at a Glance for details and times.*

*Evening Prayer is Zoomed on the days in Week at a Glance (use the link below).*

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81188370718?pwd=MVVDelNMbEppRldBYnFpN0NwT1hhQT09>

Meeting ID: 811 8837 0718 Passcode: 188423

*You are warmly invited to join the group of people who find this a valuable anchor for the day.*

**Next Sunday’s worship** 24th April 2022

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Parish Communion with Junior Church

NO SERVICE AT BYGRAVE TODAY

**Prayers and readings for this Sunday**

**Hymns:**

348 Jesus Christ is risen today

419 Shine Jesus shine

637 The day of resurrection

Anthem: Good Christians all rejoice and sing (Hymn 241)

672 Thine be the glory

**The Collect**

God of glory,
by the raising of your Son
you have broken the chains of death and hell:
fill your Church with faith and hope;
for a new day has dawned
and the way to life stands open
in our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

**The New Testament Reading** **Acts 10: 34 - 43**

**34**Then Peter began to speak to them: ‘I truly understand that God shows no partiality, **35**but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. **36**You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. **37**That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: **38**how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. **39**We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; **40**but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, **41**not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. **42**He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. **43**All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.’

**The Gospel**  **John 20: 1 - 18**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. **2**So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, ‘They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.’ **3**Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. **4**The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. **5**He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. **6**Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, **7**and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. **8**Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; **9**for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. **10**Then the disciples returned to their homes. **11**But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; **12**and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. **13**They said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping?’ She said to them, ‘They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.’ **14**When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. **15**Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?’ Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, ‘Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.’ **16**Jesus said to her, ‘Mary!’ She turned and said to him in Hebrew, ‘Rabbouni!’ (which means Teacher). **17**Jesus said to her, ‘Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, “I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.”’ **18**Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, ‘I have seen the Lord’; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

This week, please remember in your prayers these areas of our parish:

Chilvers Bank, Hilltop, The Leas, The Rise, St Mary’s Way, The Glade.

Those in need of healing:

Paula Conder, Penny and Douglas Mitchell, Peter Harris, Oliver Britton, Martin Reed, David Dane, Martyn Gray, Tracy Copping, Karen Kynman, Shaun Trussell,

Jeanette Jackson, Sheila Wadsworth, Stuart Hodges, Peter Goodchild,

Christine Roderick, Andy Ball, Pauline Scurr, Helen Walden, Nicky Bull.

Those who have died recently:
Brian Rudd, Margaret Mance, Sr Marjorie Jean CHN

Those whose anniversary of death is remembered this week

Vivian Bain, John Bassett, Charlie Farrow, Doris Thompson, Margaret Palmer,

Bill Mintram, Alec Keep, Betty Wheatley, John Elliott, Dick Allison, Peter Grinbergs

**Choir Anthem: Good Christians all rejoice and sing (Hymn 241)**

**Post Communion**

God of Life,

who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son

to the death of the cross,

and by his glorious resurrection

have delivered us from the power of our enemy:

grant us so to die daily to sin,

that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

**MISSION 2022 - FAITH AND CLIMATE**

**PLEASE THINK ABOUT WHICH EVENINGS YOU HOOPE TO COME TO AND WHO YOU MIGHT INVITE.**

**Collect your information pack today if you have not already done so.**

We are inviting you to prepare by considering four questions:

1. How did you become a Christian? and Where are you on your Christian journey?
2. Does the bible have anything to say about climate change?
3. What would you say if a friend asked you how your faith affects your views about climate change? *We will be thinking about this in our Sunday service on April 24th*
4. Who are you going to invite to the evenings? *We hope you will be challenged by this and we will give you opportunities to do so!*

So far we have four evenings planned:

* Phil Evans will be coming on Tuesday 26th April to speak about the vital work Christian Aid is doing to combat climate change and why he is part of it.
* John Cherry, local Christian farmer is coming on Wednesday 11th May to speak about the major festival he runs each year in Weston, called Groundswell which focusses on sustainable farming.
* On Ascension Day (Thursday May 26th) as part of our Communion Service we will be thinking about different views of what the bible says about Climate Change and God’s involvement with his wounded world. This is also Andrew’s 60th birthday so he hopes you will come and celebrate with him as well (possibly with something fizzy!)
* John Gummer is coming on Monday 20th June. John Selwyn Gummer, (Lord Deben), who is chair of the Government’s climate change committee and a prominent Roman Catholic, will be speaking about his work nationally in the battle against climate change and how his faith impacts on what he does.

**Ukraine**

The situation for those wanting to help in some way is extremely fast moving/ The two major ways to help are by donating money or by offering to host Ukrainians in your home.

Bishop Alan writes: The situation we face is undoubtedly going to keep on changing in the coming days. You will have seen the government flag its proposed scheme for offers of support yesterday. We’ve also learned that it is expected that many more people from Ukraine and needing support will start to arrive in the next few days.

Please remember that the strength we bring to all that needs to happen is our ability to offer help as a community. No one should be seeking to offer help alone. … We are likely facing a marathon, not a sprint. So being able to sustain the good we want to do is going to be imperative. Thank you for all that we shall be contributing together to help people in great need.

The diocese has a very helpful webpage which provides a way to give money and details about hosting and other support.

[Support Ukraine: how you can help - Diocese of St Albans (anglican.org)](https://www.stalbans.anglican.org/supportukraine/)

Baldock Action Aid is also providing a platform for those wanting to be involved to link with. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/baldockanddistrictactionaid>

**Forthcoming dates:**

The next **Communion service at Osbourne Court** is on Monday 25th April at 11am

The next **Communion Service at Magdalene Court** is on Mon 9th May at 10.30am

**Eco tip for Easter Day:** Be amazed by the natural world and spend a few moments each day stopping to notice tiny details and around you and let your spirits be lifted in wonder.

**Hidden Humour**

Church notice: This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs Pinner to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.

**Easter Monday Pilgrimage to St Albans Abbey**

The return of the annual Easter celebration.  A walk in the sun on Easter Monday with friends followed by an Easter celebration in the Abbey.  If you've been before you'll know how great this day is. Arrive at the Abbey by 2.30pm for the procession. For more details see [www.easterisnow.faith](http://www.easterisnow.faith)

This year you can choose to walk from a variety of different churches with other people or you can set off on your own. If you're planning to go, please let us know and we'll put you in touch with anyone else from Baldock or Bygrave who is going.

**Forthcoming Friends of St Mary’s events:**

**An Evening with Flanders & Swann** (as interpreted by Peter Chapman and Mike O'Neill) - **Fri 6th May at 7.30pm**. £10 per person in advance / £12 on the door. Come and enjoy all your old favourites including 'The Gnu', 'Transport of Delight', 'The Slow Train' and of course 'The Hippopotamus'. Join us for an evening of unashamed nostalgia and fun with plenty of chances to join in. Rosy glow guaranteed! Pay bar and complimentary canapés included.

**Hymns & Desserts**, hosted by Pam Rhodes from BBC Television’s ‘Songs of Praise’ **Sunday 8th May at 6pm.** £6 per person.  Pam Rhodes will lead us in a selection of her favourite hymns. The audience, if they wish to sing along, will be accompanied by the organ before a variety of desserts are served. Ticket price includes a choice of puddings.

**Sublime Schubert Soirée with the ‘Trout’ Quintet** - **Saturday 21st May at 7.30pm.** £12 per person in advance / £15 on the door. Schubert's Piano Quintet nicknamed the ‘Trout’, with its unusual instrumentation of piano, violin, viola, cello and bass, holds a special place in the repertoire for its sublime intensity and astonishing beauty.  In aid of RevIvel, trying to save the upper River Ivel, a rare chalk stream near Baldock. RevIvel would love to see brown trout in the river again! [www.Revivel.org](http://www.Revivel.org)

**Jubilee Wine Tasting** - **Sat 4th June at 7.45pm in the church hall.** Tickets at £12 per head available up until Thursday 2nd June online or from the Community Centre. Enjoy a selection of 8 wines chosen for celebration, led by a wine Consultant, with accompanying nibbles.

For more information on the above events, please contact fosmbaldock@gmail.com

Or to purchase tickets online, go to: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/fosm>

**Annual Parochial Parish Meetings**

The Baldock Annual Meeting will take place in church at 11.15am next Sunday April 24th. Vote for church wardens, receive the annual report, hear a resume of what has been happening over the last 12 months and think about the next 12 months.

Sadly, we have had to postpone Fellowship lunch which was due to take place after the APCM. We will let you know as soon as we have a new date.

The Bygrave Annual Meeting will be on Thursday 28th April at 7.30pm in church. As well as election and accounts we’ll be discussing the latest ideas about heating at this meeting.

**YOUR HELP NEEDED: Christian Aid envelopes and Mission flyers**

This year we are trying a new kind of Christian Aid collection where we deliver envelopes door to door but do not collect them.  People who want to make a donation are invited to do so online or drop the envelopes back to church.  (You'll remember we trialled a similar approach in our appeal last Autumn for the church roof and raised £20 000, so it does work!)  We're also taking the opportunity to deliver flyers about the Faith and Climate mission at the same time. We hope these will be in church on May 1st.  We would be really grateful if you could diary in some time to deliver a few streets in the week following.  Thanks so much!

**CAKES & SCONES NEEDED: Platinum Jubilee Afternoon Tea - Sun 22nd May at 4pm in the church hall.**

Would you be willing to bake a cake or scones for the Afternoon Tea? If so, please sign the list at the back of church. Or come and join us! Details below.

Come and experience a 1950’s tea whilst singing along to some traditional patriotic songs, as we celebrate 70 years of the reign of our monarch, Her Majesty the Queen.

A pay bar serving beer and Prosecco will be available. £6 per person in advance from the Community Centre.

Helen and Andrew wish everyone a very happy hopeful filled Easter. And would like once again to thank you for all your good wishes.

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Next week’s readings: Acts 5: 27-32, Psalm 118; Revelation 1: 4-8; John 20: 19-end

**WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE**

SUNDAY 17th *Easter Day*

7.20am Morning Prayer in church

 8.00am Holy Communion

 9.30am Easter Communion with Easter Eggs

 11.00am Easter Communion at Bygrave

6.00pm Evening Prayer in church

 7.30pm (or thereabouts) Evening Prayer in church

Mon 18th *Bank Holiday Monday of Easter Week*

 8.00pm Monday Home Group on Zoom (contact Emma)

Tues 19th *Tuesday of Easter Week*

8.40am Morning Prayer in church

2.00pm Silent Prayer on Zoom (contact Katrina)

5.00pm Evening Prayer in church

Wed 20th *St Mary’s* *Schools restart today*

*Wednesday of Easter Week*

8.40am Morning Prayer in church

9.30am Holy Communion 10.30am Tiny Tots

4.00pm Junior Choir

4.45pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

 5.00pm Evening Prayer in church

Thurs 21st *Thursday of Easter Week*

8.40am Morning Prayer in church

9.30am St Mary’s Junior School Easter Service in church

 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

 6.45pm Senior choir

Fri 22nd *Friday* *of Easter Week*

 8.40am Morning Prayer in church

 10.45am St Mary’s Infant School Easter Service in church

SUNDAY 24th *2nd Sunday of Easter*

7.20am Morning Prayer in church

 8.00am Holy Communion

 9.30am Parish Communion and Junior Church

 11.15am Baldock APCM in church

 6.00pm Evening Prayer in church

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